

# Manager Griffith Will Keep Pitching Choice Secret Till Very Last Moment

## MANAGER GRIFFITH WON'T MAKE KNOWN HIS BOX SELECTIONS

Says That Hereafter Fans Will Have to Guess Who Will Do the Twirling.

BOSTON, April 19.—The crafty little leader of Washington's baseball fortunes has taken a very independent stand in regard to the previous definite announcement of which pitchers are to be worked. Griffith figures that the habit, which has already been abandoned by many big league managers, tends to influence irregular attendance at the games.

This argument, he says, applies particularly to pitchers of the caliber of Walter Johnson, who will always attract, and at the same time detract from the gate when a pitcher of less reputation is advertised to work.

In explaining his feeling in this matter, Griffith spoke openly and frankly, and intimated that when the club returns home the public will have to guess which of his stable of twirlers is to be used.

"In my own town and on the road I want the fans to have a desire to see my whole club in action, not one or two

particular pitchers. Even I cannot always tell in advance which of my men will work on the mound, as the opposing twirler often helps me decide which of mine will be the most effective," said Griffith.

Mike Lynch, the Carroll Institute distance runner who is here to compete in the B. A. A. annual marathon, called on the Washington players last night. He left with wishes of success from every member of the Griffins, including the Old Fox.

Outside of Harry Harper's pitching, which was the best he has ever revealed, the two new outfielders whom Griffith had inserted for trial until they prove themselves unworthy, Moeller and Rondeau, were mainly responsible for Washington's 4 to 2 defeat of the Red Sox. Those two young men contributed three of the seven hits amassed by the invaders and together they scored all of the runs. They will remain in the line-up as long as they can display this kind of form, it is needless to say, and they have already done much to make their positions secure. So much for the offensive work which actually won the game.

As for smiling 'Arpy' it suffices to say that he proved meritorious of the confidence which Griffith placed in him when he elected him to the pitching duties, and the six hits and four strikeouts which resulted from his offerings show him up as a pitcher of big league caliber.

On but one occasion did the Hackensack hurler get himself in hot water and instead of relieving him, as Griffith often does a young pitcher who finds himself in trouble, he was permitted to proceed to extricate himself. He did this at the expense of two runs and when the final out of the inning came there were two men on second and third, respectively, and three balls on Hendricks, whom Harper struck out to retire the side. It was a tedious moment from a Washington viewpoint and even the Boston admirers breathed a sigh of relief when the inning was completed.

This eighth inning produced two glaring errors for the visitors, Harper and

McBride being the perpetrators thereof. McBride booted Agnew's bounder to start the inning, and after striking out Foster, who was batting for Shore, the southpaw threw wide to second to force out the catcher, and both men were safe. Scott fled out to Milan and Janvrin came through with his second single of the day. It was followed by Lewis' double, which sent Messrs. Agnew and Hooper to the desired destination. It was at this juncture that Harper pulled himself together and disposed of Hendricks via the strike-out route.

Washington opened hostilities by scoring the nucleus of their victory in the opening chapter. Moeller connected with the first ball pitched by Shore and was safe. He took second on a wild pitch and when Agnew dropped Foster's third strike he tried in vain to head off Moeller at third. The play failed, but Gardner relayed the ball to first in time to get Eddie. Milan died when Shore threw him out at first instead of throwing to the plate, where he had a good chance to get the scoring Moeller.

Another run presented itself in the second, when McBride drove Rondeau over with a burning single after the latter had hit and advanced on two outs. The third tally of the game arrived in the eighth, Moeller again being the scorer. He had fooled Shore into giving him four wide ones, after which he stole second, and went to home on the throw-in of Foster's single. McBride drove another run across in the final stanza. Rondeau got a base when Janvrin dropped a throw and was sacrificed by Morgan. He went to third on the throw-in of Williams by center, and McBride did the rest.

While McBride made two errors which stuck out, his hitting when hits meant runs, and the double plays in which he flung took much of the luminosity away from the mistakes in fielding. One of the hardest hit balls of the day was Shorten's wicked drive to McBride. The ball took an unlawful bound, but McBride got it with his bare hand and retired the runner. These kind of plays make up for much of the batting weakness which is

claimed for "Mac" but which failed to show up yesterday.

Shore's pitching record is practically the same as Harper's, with the exception that he contains two more strikeouts. Ernest is one of the best mounders on Carrigan's staff, and none of the sweetness of victory is detracted from the Washington players who were able to get away with the game.

The weather would have been more propitious for football. Besides a cold gray afternoon, a biting wind found its way across Fenway Park and this kept the attendance down to slightly over 1,000. President Joe Lannin served hot coffee in the press box.

Here are the statistics for Washington's first win here since October 1, 1914.

Nationals	Boston
Moeller, r., 3 1 0	Hooper, r., 4 1 0 0
Postor, 3b., 4 1 1 3	Scott, ss., 4 1 1 0
Milan, cf., 4 1 2 0	Janvrin, lb., 2 2 1 1
Judge, 1b., 4 1 2 0	Shaw, c., 1 1 2 0
Rondeau, lf., 4 1 1 0	Shorten, lf., 2 0 0 0
Shanks, lf., 4 1 1 0	McLennan, lf., 1 0 0 0
Morgan, 2b., 2 0 1 4	Gardner, 3b., 1 0 0 2
Williams, c., 4 0 5 1	Harper, 2b., 4 0 0 3
McBride, ss., 2 2 2 3	Agnew, c., 1 1 4 3
Harper, p., 4 0 0 4	Shore, p., 2 1 3 3
	Pennock, p., 0 0 1 0
	Madry, p., 1 0 0 0
	McNally, p., 1 0 0 0
Totals... 37 17 17	

\*Batted for Shorten in seventh inning.  
\*Batted for Shore in eighth inning.  
\*Batted for Gardner in ninth inning.

Runs—Moeller (3), Rondeau, Shanks, Hooper and Agnew. Two-base hit—Lewis. Sacrifice hits—Morgan (2). Double plays—Morgan to McBride to Judge; McBride to Morgan to Judge. Left on bases—Washington, 5; Boston, 6. First base on errors—Washington, 1; Boston, 5. Hits and earned runs—off Shore, 6 hits, 2 runs, in 8 innings; off Pennock, 1 hit, no runs, in 1 inning. Struck out—by Shore, 7; by Pennock, 1; by Harper, 2. First base on balls—off Harper, 2; off Shore, 2. Stolen bases—Moeller (2), Janvrin, passed ball—Agnew. Umpires—Messrs. Dineen and Nalhin. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

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Critics are right. Twelve years is too young for a boy to be a prizefighter. He ought to be at work.

Richmond, Va., is built on seven hills and

Jack Dunn says six of 'em are in the ball park.

AN AVIATOR DROPPED SIXTEEN BOMBS ON THE NATION'S CAPITAL AND HARRY HARPER ALSO MADE A TWO-BAGGER.

President Vail, of the telegraph company, is after \$10,000-a-year men, but he needn't look for 'em on the Red Sox.

Sport Alphabet.

E stands for bobbles.

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Who won't stand for that stuff.

Must grieve Connie Mack to think that Frank Baker ain't twice so he can sell him twice.

Every baseknock is a boost.

Yesterday's weather was about as popular as an envoy.

If Congress insists on doubling the number of West Point cadets, they ought to allow Navy to play ten men on the line.

For a country that ain't on the level, Switzerland has the cleanest athletics in the world.

The longer the rain lasts the longer some of the rooks will.

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Shoes Stolen.

A show case in front of the store of Arnold Hirsch, 1023 Seventh street northwest, was broken open this morning and two pairs of high shoes stolen.

## Big League Biffers of a Day.

A. B. H. T. B. Pet.

Moeller, Griffs...	2	2	2	1,000
Janvrin, Red Sox	2	2	2	1,000
Evans, Indians...	2	2	2	1,000
E. Collins, W. S.	2	2	2	1,000
Niehoff, Phils...	2	2	2	1,000
Baird, Pirates...	1	1	1	1,000
Stellbauer, Phils.	1	1	1	1,000
Chase, Reds...	4	3	6	.750
Geddon, Yanks...	4	3	4	.750
Hinchman, Pirates	4	3	3	.750
Witt, Macks...	3	2	2	.667
Faber, White S...	3	2	2	.667

## Mike Mitchell to Play On Fred Tenney's Team

NEWARK, April 19.—Mike Mitchell, the former Cincinnati outfielder, who has been working with the Newark Internationals, has been taken on by Fred Tenney, and today delivered his signed contract to the manager of the Indians. Harry Smith, former Giant catcher, may also land a job with the locals.

## Wants to Play.

The Sherwood Presbyterian Sunday school baseball team has organized for the season, and would like to arrange its schedule. Teams averaging seventeen years are challenge games to be played any evening except Saturday or Sunday at 5 o'clock. Write or phone to George E. Keneipp, captain, 295 Bryant street northeast, telephone North 7415.

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